

danger, may fire the people to throw
 aside un-
 warlike habits—when, in the words of
 Tennyson—

The smooth-faced snub-nosed rogue will
 leap from
 his counter and till
 And strike, if it be but a blow with his
 cheating yard-
 wand, home.

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 We may then conclude that the
 history of the
 Mediterranean up to quite recent
 times has
 been determined by successive floods of
 northern
 blood, each of which left a stratum of
 novelty,
 the relics of which are disinterred,
 like fossils,
 by the spade of the archaeologist.
 There was a
 similar current towards India which
 could not
 be diverted even by the barrier of the
 Himalayas.
 Ceaseless immigrations of Arvans,
 Scythians, and
 Tartars are clearly to be discerned
 across the
 misty backgrounds of Indian history.
 To an
 uncivilized people the north offers little
 hope of
 riches or leisure. Nature requires to be
 combated
 with practised skill. The south
 allured them
 with its easier opportunities, and they
 drifted
 southwards, infusing accessions of
 vigour into
 the southern races, but forfeiting in
 time their
 own vitality. During recent centuries
 there has
 been a change. The arts of
 civilization have
 enabled the northmen to produce
 wealth at home;
 and America and Australia have offered
 fields for
 colonization which promise to be less
 enervating
 than those of the Mediterranean.

But migration has not always been
 from the
 north to the south. The Jews and the

gipsies
are Asiatic peoples who have drifted
northwards. far afield from their homes. And it is to
be re-
marked that they have preserved their
charac-
teristics with a persistency which we
cannot find
illustrated by any northern race
which has been